

CLAIMS

What is Claimed is:

1. A method for formatting objects in a page of an electronic document comprising:
receiving input for the page in the electronic document;
5 tracking a position of the input relative to the page; and
comparing the input to a style sheet comprising one or more objects with predefined formatting .
2. The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
10 calculating the position of the input in a style sheet; and
determining a format of the input based upon the position of the input and a corresponding object in the style sheet.
3. The method of Claim 2, further comprising applying the format to the input.
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4. The method of Claim 1, further comprising receiving input to change a style sheet that controls formatting of the page.
5. The method of Claim 1, further comprising determining if the position of the
20 input corresponds to a new level in the style sheet.
6. The method of Claim 1, further comprising creating a style sheet based on an existing electronic document comprising preferred formatting.
- 25 7. The method of Claim 1, further comprising display the input with the determined format.
8. The method of Claim 2, wherein determining the format of the input further comprises determining one of a font, an indent position, line spacing, bullet style,
30 numbering style, and graphic format.

9. A computer implemented method for controlling page formatting of an electronic document comprising:

receiving one of text and graphic input for a page of an electronic document;

5 determining formatting of the input by comparing the input to a sheet stored in memory comprising objects with a predefined formatting; and

applying the predefined formatting to the input based on objects in the sheet that correspond to the position of the input.

10 10. The method of Claim 9, further comprising determining a font for inputted text of the page based on a language identifier of the inputted text and a corresponding language identifier of a level in the sheet.

11. The method of Claim 9, further comprising determining a font for inputted text of the page based on a language identifier of the inputted text and a script of a level in the sheet.

15 12. The method of Claim 9, further comprising determining formatting characteristics for a graphical object on the page that corresponds with a graphical object in the sheet.

20 13. The method of Claim 9, further comprising determining formatting characteristics of a graphical object that comprise at least one of text flow around the graphical object, color transparency, horizontal placement, and scaling of the graphical object.

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14. A computer system for creating object in an electronic document comprising:
a processing unit;
a memory storage device coupled to the processing unit for displaying data; and
a program module stored in the memory storage device for providing instructions
5 to said processing unit;
said processing unit responsive to said instructions of said program module
operable for
monitoring a position of input within an electronic document;
comparing the input to a sheet for controlling format of the electronic
10 document; and
formatting the input within the electronic document in response to
identifying the format in the sheet.
15. The computer system of Claim 14, wherein the sheet for controlling format of the
15 electronic document comprises an electronic document.
16. The computer system of Claim 14, wherein the input comprises one of text and
graphical objects.
- 20 17. The computer system of Claim 14, wherein formatting the input comprises one of
changing a font of the input, adjusting an indent of the input, positioning the input
relative to other lines in the electronic document.